

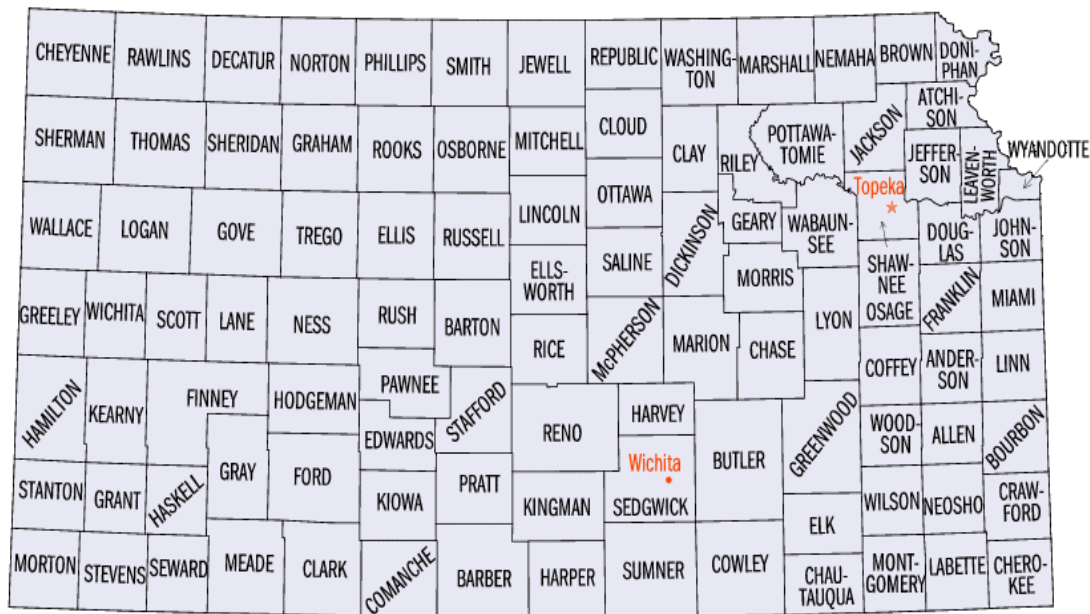
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## Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse

### State of Kansas

#### Profile of Drug Indicators

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## **Kansas**

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

### **Demographics<sup>1</sup>**

- Population: 2,694,641 (2001 estimate); 2,688,418 (2000 Census);
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 86.1% white; 5.7% black/African American; 0.9% American Indian/Alaska Native; 1.7% Asian; 3.4% other race; 2.1% two or more races; 7.0% Hispanic/Latino origin (of any race)

### **Politics**

- Governor: Bill Graves<sup>2</sup>
- Lt. Governor: Gary Sherrer<sup>3</sup>
- Attorney General: Carla Stovall<sup>4</sup>
- Secretary of State: Ron Thornburgh<sup>5</sup>
- Kansas Bureau of Investigation Director: Larry Welch<sup>6</sup>
- U.S. Senate: Sam Brownback (R); Pat Roberts (R)<sup>7</sup>
- U.S. Representatives (Districts 1-4, respectively): Jerry Moran; Jim Ryun; Dennis Moore; and Todd Tiahrt<sup>8</sup>
- Capital: Topeka<sup>9</sup>

### **Programs/Initiatives**

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)<sup>10</sup>  
Designated in 1996, the Midwest HIDTA is responsible for counties in Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and 14 counties within Kansas. This region's position in the "Heart of America" provides a fertile environment for the production and distribution of methamphetamine.
- Governor's Substance Abuse Prevention Council<sup>11</sup>  
On October 14, 1998, Kansas Governor Graves signed Executive Order No. 98-9 establishing the Governor's Substance Abuse Prevention Council. The purpose of the order was to develop a comprehensive coordinated system of prevention throughout the state.
- Kansas Retailer Meth Watch Program<sup>12</sup>  
The Retailer Meth Watch Program was designed by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Kansas Bureau of Investigation, and a team of Kansas retailers to limit the accessibility of methamphetamine precursors, as well as raise general awareness of the meth lab problem in the state.
- Kansas Clandestine Drug Lab Cleanup Program<sup>13</sup>  
Developed by KDHE, the purpose of the Drug Lab Cleanup Program is to ensure the safety of Kansas citizens and natural resources. The Program also develops and implements education and notification programs to help landfills, first responders, manufacturers, retailers, and the general public identify meth lab material and notify officials if they suspect meth lab activity.

## Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program grantees in Kansas:<sup>14</sup>
  - FY 2001:
    - \$100,000 awarded to the Salina Area Prevention Partnership, Salina
    - \$57,250 to Jackson County Communities That Care Coalition, Holton
    - \$47,917 to Morris County Anti-Drug Task Force, Council Grove
  - FY 2000:
    - \$100,000 to Dottes: Association of Community Builders, Kansas City
    - \$99,034 to Southeast Kansas Education Service Center, Girard
  - FY 1999:
    - \$100,000 to the Lawrence Partnership for Children and Youth, Inc., Lawrence
    - \$100,000 to Sawnee Region Prevention and Recovery Services, Inc., Topeka
    - \$74,360 to the Smoky Hill Foundation for Chemical Dependency, Hays
  - FY 1998:
    - \$83,222 to Emporians for Drug Awareness, Emporia
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed<sup>15</sup>

Five areas have received official recognition and Federal funding as Weed and Seed sites in Kansas: North Topeka, Topeka-Central, Topeka-Eastern, Topeka-Hicrest, and Wichita/Sedgwick.
- FY 2001/2002 SAMHSA Formula and Discretionary Grant Allotments Summary for Kansas:<sup>16</sup>
  - Formula Funding - \$16,346,231
    - Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant - \$12,280,272
    - Community Mental Health Services Block Grant - \$3,381,059
    - Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) - \$300,000
    - Protection and Advocacy Formula Grant - \$384,900
  - Discretionary Funding - \$2,647,010
    - Mental Health - \$1,699,649
    - Substance Prevention - \$947,361
    - Substance Abuse Treatment - \$0
  - Total Mental Health Funds: \$5,765,608
  - Total Substance Abuse Funds: \$13,227,633
  - Total Funds for Kansas: \$18,993,241
- FY 2002 Byrne Formula Grant Program amount awarded to Kansas: \$5,183,473<sup>17</sup>
- FY 2001 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners Formula Grant amount allocated to Kansas: \$551,436<sup>18</sup>

## Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- According to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), there were 275 DEA-involved drug arrests in Kansas during 2001.<sup>19</sup>

Number of DEA Drug Arrests, Kansas, 1997-2001

1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
357	349	323	477	275

- There were an estimated 117,803 index offenses known to Kansas police in 1999.<sup>20</sup>

#### Offenses Known to Police, Kansas, 1999

Offense	1996	1997	1998	1999
Murder/non-negligent manslaughter	170	155	154	160
Forcible rape	1,096	1,100	1,119	1,065
Robbery	2,476	2,420	2,283	2,047
Aggravated assault	6,900	6,944	6,882	6,887
Burglary	25,239	25,187	23,466	21,874
Larceny-theft	78,145	76,125	87,845	79,722
Motor vehicle theft	6,388	6,491	5,988	6,048
Total index offenses	120,414	118,422	127,737	117,803

#### Drugs<sup>21</sup>

- Cocaine  
Cocaine, particularly crack cocaine, is available throughout Kansas, primarily in major urban areas such as Kansas City, Topeka, and Wichita.
- Heroin  
Low-purity Mexican heroin is available in most urban areas of Kansas.
- Marijuana  
Marijuana is readily available throughout Kansas. Despite the availability of domestically produced marijuana, imported marijuana from Mexico dominates the market. Law enforcement near Kansas City report a large influx of high purity “BC Bud” from Canada.
- Methamphetamine  
Methamphetamine, both imported and domestically produced, is the primary drug of concern in Kansas.
- Club Drugs  
There has been an increase in the abuse of club drugs such as MDMA and GHB in Kansas. MDMA is found at rave parties throughout the State and is increasingly popular among young Asian gang members in Wichita.

#### Juveniles<sup>22</sup>

- Results from the 2000 Kansas Communities that Care student survey, which involved nearly 56,000 sixth, eighth, and tenth grade students, indicate that cigarette, alcohol, and marijuana use has dropped from previous years.
- Use of alcohol and marijuana, which showed an upward trend since 1995, both dropped in 2000, alcohol by 1.8 percent and marijuana by 2.1 percent.

#### Enforcement

- Midwest HIDTA Initiatives found in Kansas:<sup>23</sup>
  - Garden City DEA Task Force: Members of this task force investigate and dismantle methamphetamine labs, importation organizations, and interdiction events in southwest Kansas.
  - Southeast Kansas Drug Enforcement Task Force: This task force enhances the Kansas Enforcement Initiative of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) by

- adding resources and efforts dedicated to identifying and targeting methamphetamine trafficking organizations in the southeast counties of Kansas.
- FBI, Kansas City, Kansas Drug Task Force: This task force aims at reducing methamphetamine importation and distribution in the Kansas City metropolitan area.
- Special Operations Division of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI)<sup>24</sup>  
In addition to general drug-related investigations, agents within the Special Operations Division are responsible for coordinating the State's marijuana suppression/eradication program, KBI's clandestine laboratory response team, drug interdiction follow up investigations, and assignments to various Federal-level drug task forces.
- As of October 31, 2000, there were 9,700 full-time law enforcement employees in Kansas.<sup>25</sup>

### **Trafficking and Seizures**

- Kansas is a transshipment point for drugs transported to the eastern U.S. via Interstates 35 and 70 from the southwest border and west coast cities.<sup>26</sup>
- Cocaine trafficking organizations, often with direct familial ties to Mexico, are responsible for bringing most of the drug into Kansas where much of it is converted in crack for retail distribution. Proceeds from cocaine sales are often transported back to Mexico in the same vehicles used to bring the drug into the State.<sup>27</sup>
- From January 1 to July 5, 2002, there have been 280 methamphetamine-related seizures in Kansas, 116 of which were laboratories.<sup>28</sup>

### **Methamphetamine-Related Seizures, Kansas, 1994-2002**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Chemicals/ Glass/ Equipment</b>	<b>Dumpsite</b>	<b>Laboratory</b>	<b>Total</b>
1994	--	--	1	1
1995	--	--	15	15
1996	--	--	47	47
1997	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
1998	--	--	73	73
1999	2	1	207	210
2000	135	104	380	619
2001	186	236	425	847
2002*	78	86	116	280

\*Data is for January 1 – July 5 only

- During 2001, there were 75 Operation Pipeline interdictions in Kansas reported to the El Paso Intelligence Center, leading to the seizure of nearly 100 kilograms of cocaine, more than 4,500 pounds of marijuana, six kilograms of methamphetamine and nearly \$3 million dollars.<sup>29</sup>
- More than 300 kilograms of cocaine were seized in Kansas by Federal agencies during 2001.<sup>30</sup>

#### Federal Drug Seizures, Kansas, 2001

Drug Type	Amount Seized (kgs.)
Cocaine	305.5
Heroin	1.7
Methamphetamine	17.5
Marijuana	2,539.4

- Most heroin seized in Kansas is black tar heroin.<sup>31</sup>
- Law enforcement in western Kansas report that MDMA is brought into the area from Denver, Colorado.<sup>32</sup>
- GHB originating in Canada is available in central Kansas.<sup>33</sup>
- Much of the marijuana found in Kansas originates in Mexico and is transported from Mexico through cities on the southwest border using highways through Dallas, Oklahoma City, and on to Kansas City. From Kansas City, the marijuana is further distributed to other cities in Kansas and other States.<sup>34</sup>
- In 2001, more than 2,500 cultivated marijuana plants were eradicated in Kansas under the DEA's Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program.<sup>35</sup>

#### Number of Marijuana Plants Eradicated and Seized, Kansas, 2001

<u>Outdoor Operation</u>		<u>Indoor Operations</u>			<u>Total</u>
Plots Eradicated	Cultivated Plants Eradicated	Grows Seized	Plants Eradicated	Ditchweed Eradicated	Cultivated Plants Eradicated
51	1,546	10	1,175	100,472	2,721

#### Courts

- Drug Courts<sup>36</sup>  
As of June 6, 2002, there was one drug court in Kansas operating for over two years and two drug courts being planned.
- During FY 2000, 45.9 percent of the Federally-sentenced defendants in Kansas committed a drug offense. Fifty-five (29.4%) of the cases involved methamphetamine.<sup>37</sup>

#### Federally-Sentenced Drug Offenders, by Drug Type, Kansas, FY 2000

Drug Type	Number	Percent
Methamphetamine	55	29.4%
Crack cocaine	54	28.9
Marijuana	46	24.6
Powder cocaine	26	13.9
Heroin	1	0.5
Other	5	2.7

#### Corrections

- On June 30, 2002, the total Kansas adult inmate population was 8,773 (8,249 males and 524 females).<sup>38</sup>

- On December 31, 2001, there were more than 8,000 males and 500 females incarcerated within Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) facilities. 19.1 percent of the male population and 38.8 percent of the female population were charged with committing a drug offense.<sup>39</sup>

**Inmate Population, by Gender and Type of Crime, Kansas, December 31, 2001**

<b>Most Serious Offense</b>	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>
Person (sex)	23.6%	2.0%
Person (non sex)	50.6	42.6
Property	5.7	15.9
Drug	19.1	38.8
Other non-person	1.0	0.8

- In FY 2002, there were 260 slots available within KDOC facilities for standard substance abuse treatment programs and 188 therapeutic community slots available.<sup>40</sup>
- During FY 2001, 1,977 Kansas inmates participated in substance abuse treatment programs and 1,571 inmates completed treatment programs.<sup>41</sup>

**Number of Treatment Participants and Completions, Kansas, FY 1997-2001**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Participants</b>	<b>Completions</b>
FY 1997	1,711	1,219
FY 1998	1,658	1,136
FY 1999	1,884	1,276
FY 2000	2,352	1,597
FY 2001	1,977	1,571

- On June 30, 2000, more than 30 percent of the inmates for which information was available were considered dependent on drugs.<sup>42</sup>

**Substance Abuse Level of Inmates, Kansas, June 30, 2000**

<b>Substance Abuse Level</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Abstainer/limited social use	769	11.1
Possible minor interference*	643	9.3
Some interference	686	9.9
Interference, may have symptoms of early dependence	1,323	19.0
History of continuous abuse with symptoms of dependence	2,124	30.6
Lengthy history of chronic abuse with symptoms of addiction	1,401	20.2
Total (all levels)	6,946	100.0
Number of inmates for which information was unavailable	1,838	--
Grand total	8,784	--

\*"Interference" is used to describe the degree to which substance use contributed to problems with the law, job, school, family, or other relationships.

- On June 30, 2000, more than 700 (34%) of the juveniles under the custody of the Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority were placed in their home or with relatives. Twenty-one percent of juveniles were placed in juvenile correctional facilities.<sup>43</sup>

#### Placements for Juveniles in Custody, Kansas, June 30, 2000

Placement	Number	Percent
Home/relative	722	34%
Group home	501	23
Juvenile correctional facility	470	21
Detention	139	6
Foster care	120	5
Shelter	82	4
Independent living	33	1
Hospital	7	0
Other	141	6

- Forty-five percent of youths in juvenile correctional facilities were charged with committing “Crimes Against Persons” offenses.<sup>44</sup>

#### Type of Crime Committed by Youths in Juvenile Correctional Facilities, Kansas, FY01

Offense	Number	Percent
Crimes against persons	294	45%
Crimes against property	255	39
Crimes against public order and other crimes	102	16

- On June 30, 2002, the parole population in Kansas was 3,927.<sup>45</sup>
- The Kansas adult probation population on December 31, 2000 was 15,996.<sup>46</sup>

#### Consequences of Use

- The 2000 drug-related death rate in Kansas was 4.4 per 100,000 population, double the 1991 rate of 2.2.<sup>47</sup>

#### Treatment

- There were more than 14,000 admissions to drug/alcohol treatment in Kansas during 2001.<sup>48</sup>
- In more than 3,000 of the admissions, marijuana was reported as the primary drug of abuse.<sup>49</sup>



## Number of Admissions to Treatment, Kansas, 2001

	Number	Percent
Alcohol only	2,933	20.8%
Alcohol with secondary drug	3,856	27.3
Heroin	75	0.5
Other opiates	105	0.7
Cocaine – smoked	1,862	13.2
Cocaine – other route	413	2.9
Marijuana	3,473	24.6
Amphetamines	1,159	8.2
Other stimulants	19	0.1
PCP	27	0.2
Hallucinogens	27	0.2
Tranquilizers	46	0.3
Sedatives	29	0.2
Inhalants	38	0.3
Other/unknown	48	0.3
Total	14,110	100.0

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